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1. (LCA) THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION MAY BE BRIEFED TO JOURNALISTS EXCEPT WHERE OTHERWISE NOTED.

2. SUMMARY: (LCA) TO BE BRIEFED TO PRESS: AS MUJAHIDIN ACTIVITY

AROUND GENERALLY QUIET KABUL INCREASED AND ROCKETS IMPACTED INSIDE THE CITY. SOVIET AND DRA FORCES TIGHTENED SECURITY IN THE CAPITAL INSTITUTING CHECKS AND SEARCHES. AND DEPLOYING SOVIET ARMOR NEAR THE KABUL PERIMETER. TO THE WEST, MUJAHIDIN FROM PAKISTAN LAUNCHED ROCKET ATTACKS AGAINST KABUL'S WESTERN SUBURBS. SOVIETS DEPLOYED ARMORED

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VEHICLES ON KABUL'S EASTERN APPROACHES; MUJAHIDIN BY AIR
AN ADDITIONAL TWO DRA BASES BEING THE TOTAL OF 11
BASES IN THE SOUTH IN TWO MONTHS, TO THE NORTH-SOVIET
FORCES FIRED INTO THE SHOMALI ALMOST NIGHTLY.

SIGNIFICANT MILITARY ACTION MEANWHILE WAS REPORTED IN
LOGAR, SHAZNI AND KANDAHAR. SOVIET/DRA FORCES CONDUCTED
RELIATORY STRIKES AGAINST CIVILIAN AREAS IN WARDAK,
SOUTHERN KABUL AND TAKHAR PROVINCE. NAJIB'S SEPTEMBER 30
ELEVATION TO THE CHIEF OF STATE ROLE APPEARS TO REDUCE
ALREADY DIM PROSPECTS OF ANY ACCOMMODATION WITH THE
MUJAHIDIN AND APPEARS TO PREDETERMINE OUTCOME OF UPCOMING
PARTY CONFERENCE AND LOYA JIRGA WHICH WAS TO HAVE
SELECTED A PRESIDENT. THERE ARE MANY REPORTS THAT IN
ADDITION TO PARTY PERSONNEL
CHANGES REPORTED LAST WEEK, NAJIB WILL NOW ATTEMPT TO
REMOVE OPPONENTS FROM STATE RANKS AS WELL. IN KABUL
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MEDICAL CARE APPEARS TO BE DETERIORATING AS INCREASED
NUMBERS OF WAR VICTIMS ARISING FROM BOMBINGS AND
"BUTTERFLY MINES" ARE CROWDING KABUL HEALTH FACILITIES.
PLACES IN SEPTEMBER REMAINED GENERALLY STABLE THOUGH
INCREASES IN GRAIN PRICES AND SHORTAGES IN GRAIN AND SOME
FRUITS ARE ATTRIBUTED TO DESTRUCTION OF CROPS. THE

AFGHANI SEEMS TO BE EITHER STABLE OR SLIGHTLY STRONGER
AGAINST MOST MAJOR CURRENCIES. END SUMMARY.
3. (LCU) KABUL CITY DEVELOPMENTS (ACCOUNTING IN DETAIL
OF KABUL SECURITY AND MILITARY MOVEMENT WILL BE PROVIDED
IN SEPARATE REPORT TO SELECTED ADDRESSEES. SITREP WILL
CONTINUE TO SUMMARIZE MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS.): SEVERAL
ROCKET ATTACKS ON THE CITY, INCLUDING A CONFIRMED ATTACK
ON THE AIRPORT, COUPLED WITH INCREASED MUJAHIDIN ACTIVITY
AROUND THE CITY PERIMETER (SEE KABUL PROVINCE, PARA 4)
PROMPTED TIGHTENED SECURITY IN THE CAPITAL AND NEW SOVIET
DEFENSIVE DEPLOYMENTS. NONETHELESS, DESPITE THE
ACTIVITY, THE CITY REMAINED CALM. POSSIBLY BECAUSE OF
THE INCREASED SECURITY, THERE WERE NO REPORTED BOMB
INCIDENTS THIS WEEK AND RANDOM NIGHTTIME SHOOTING IN THE
CITY DECREASED. RELIABLE SOURCES REPORTED THE FOLLOWING
SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS:

--OCTOBER 3: AT 0135 FIVE EXPLOSIONS ROCKED NORTHEAST
KABUL. MULTIPLE AFGHAN SOURCES REPORT THE UNUSUALLY LOUD
BLASTS WERE CAUSED BY INCOMING ROUNDS. TWO IN KHAIR KHANA
AND THREE OTHERS AT THE AIRPORT. SOVIET/DRA UNITS BEGAN
COUNTER-BATTERY FIRE WITHIN MINUTES OF THE ATTACK.
DURING THE EVENING DRA SECURITY FORCES ASSISTED BY SOVIET
TROOPS CONDUCTED HOUSE-TO-HOUSE SEARCHES IN THE WAZIRABAD
AND KHAJARAWAS AREAS. IMMEDIATELY WEST AND EAST OF THE
AIRPORT. THE TROOPS REPORTEDLY WERE SEARCHING FOR
MUJAHIDIN. SOVIET AND DRA FORCES ALSO BLOCKED OFF AND
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-- OCTOBER: AT MID-DAY SOVIET UNITS BEGAN DEPLOYING ARMORED VEHICLES TO THE EAST OF THE AIRPORT. FIVE BTR'S AND A BRDM WERE POSITIONED ON PERIMETER ROAD NEAR THE KABUL QUARRY ROAD WHILE A SIMILAR NUMBER WERE DEPLOYED AT THE EASTERN END OF THE RUNWAY NEAR PERIMETER ROAD. SINCE THIS DEPLOYMENT SOVIET MILITARY ENGINEERING EQUIPMENT HAS BEEN ENGAGED IN CONSTRUCTION OF EARTHEN EMBANKMENTS IN THE AREA OF THE DEPLOYMENTS.

--SEPTEMBER 29: AT 0800. ACCORDING TO A RELIABLE DIPLOMAT, APPROXIMATELY FIVE INCOMING ROUNDS HIT THE

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NORTHWEST END OF THE AIRPORT. AT 0805 A SOVIET

HELICOPTER CRASHED SEVERAL HUNDRED METERS FROM THE AIRPORT IN THE COURTYARD OF A DIA OFFICE BUILDING. AT APPROXIMATELY 0815, THE DOWNED AIRCRAFT EXPLODED CAUSING EXTENSIVE DAMAGE TO THE FRONT OF THE BUILDING. DURING THE DAY, ACCORDING TO AN AFGHAN SOURCE, THERE WAS FIGHTING, APPARENTLY BETWEEN MUJAHIDIN AND REGIME FORCES, IN THE JANGRAK SECTION OF SOUTHERN KABUL. A RELIABLE DIPLOMAT REPORTS THAT AT 1500 A HELICOPTER WHICH WAS HIT IN THE SHOMAL CRASHED AT SAKIGU (NEAR THE KABUL AIRPORT). SIX DIED IN THE CRASH DURING THE EVENING. AFGHAN SOURCES REPORT THAT ROCKETS FIRED FROM SOUTH OF

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KABUL SURROUNDING KUL'S SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF KANTE MAJ. 100 100 100 100 100
--COMBAT IN THE PROVINCES --
4. (LCS) KABUL PROVINCE:
A. KABUL--EST: MUJAHIDIN OPERATING WEST OF THE CAPITAL

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CONTINUE TO HOLD STRONG POSITIONS
IN THE REGION STAGING POCNET ATTACKS FROM THE AREA AGAINST
KABUL'S WESTERN APPROACHES AND DESTROYING SEVERAL DRA
POSTS. JOURNALISTS WHO VISITED PAGMAN TOWN DURING THE
WEEK REPORTED EXTENSIVE DESTRUCTION AND SHAKY REGIME
CONTROL. REGIME ESCORTS REFUSED TO TAKE THE JOURNALISTS
TO A BOMBED-OUT AREA SEVERAL HUNDRED METERS FROM THEIR
ITINERARY BECAUSE OF THE PROBABILITY MUJAHIDIN WERE IN
THE VICINITY. THE JOURNALISTS NOTED EVIDENCE THAT THE
MUJAHIDIN WERE OPERATING NOT ONLY IN THE HILLS TO THE
WEST OF THE TOWN BUT IN THE PLAIN TO THE EAST AS
REFLECTED BY DRA DEFENSES ORIENTED IN THAT DIRECTION. A
DRA MILITARY SOURCE SEPARATELY REPORTED THAT MUJAHIDIN
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CURRENTLY OCCUPY PARTIALLY DESTROYED RESIDENTIAL AREAS
IMMEDIATELY WEST OF KARGHA LAKE, AT THE WESTERN EDGE OF
THE KABUL DIPLOMATIC ZONE. SOURCES PROVIDED THE
FOLLOWING ACCOUNTS OF DEVELOPMENTS IN THE AREA:

--OCTOBER 2: A RELIABLE AFGHAN SOURCE REPORTED THAT
MUJAHIDIN SURPRISED FOUR DRA OFFICERS SITTING IN A CAR
NEAR KARGHA LAKE, KILLED THEM AND TOOK THEIR VEHICLE.
--SEPTEMBER 30: MUJAHIDIN, ACCORDING TO A RELIABLE
DIPLOMAT, OVERRAN THREE DRA POSTS IN THE SHTI BACHI
AREA SIX KMS SOUTH OF PAGMAN TOWN.
--SEPTEMBER 29: TWO HELICOPTERS REPORTEDLY CRASHED NEAR
JUNAGHA (FIVE KMS SOUTHWEST OF PAGMAN) DURING THE DAY.
DURING THE EVENING, ACCORDING TO DRA MILITARY SOURCE,
MUJAHIDIN ATTACKED THREE DRA POSTS NEAR KARGHA LAKE.
ALSO DURING THE NIGHT, TWO MUJAHIDIN ROCKETS HIT NEAR
KARGHA LAKE -- ONE IMPACTED IN THE KARGHA GOLF COURSE.
--SEPTEMBER 25: TWO AFGHAN SOURCES REPORTED THAT,
DURING THE NIGHT, ROCKETS FIRED FROM THE PAGMAN AREA
IMPACTED IN DRA CAMPS LOCATED ALONG THE NORTH SIDE OF THE
KARGHA ROAD. (AND A MILITARY SOURCE

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10 IMPACTS.)

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KABUL--EAST: ON OCTOBER 2, FROM 1630Z UNTIL AFTER
1900Z, DIPLOMATS OBSERVED WHAT APPEARED TO BE BOMBING AND
QUICKING ARTILLERY FIRE TO THE DEH SABZ KHAS AREA, 20
KMS NORTHEAST OF KABUL. ARTILLERY APPEARED TO BE LOCATED
IN THE TALAKHAN AREA FIVE KMS NORTH EAST OF THE KABUL
AIRPORT. MUCH OF THE BOMBING APPEARED TO BE TARGETED ON
THE HIGH RIDGES EAST OF DEH SABZ KHAS. SEPARATELY, A

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RELIABLE AFGHAN SOURCE CLAIMS THE MUJAHIDIN NOW CONTROL THE
THE LATABAN AREA (34°30'N 69°34'E), 20 KMS EAST OF KABUL.
C. KABUL-SOUTH: A DIPLOMAT WITH A GOOD REPORTING TRACK
RECORD CLAIMS THAT DURING AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER, MUJAHIDIN
OVERRAN 15 POSTS IN THE AREA IMMEDIATELY SOUTH OF KABUL
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CITY. THEY OVERRAN TWO DRA POSTS IN THE SHEWAKI AREA
DURING THE LAST WEEK OF SEPTEMBER. IN THEIR ATTACKS, THE
DIPLOMAT CLAIMS, THE MUJAHIDIN RELIED HEAVILY ON
ROCKETS. (COMMENT: SITEPS IN RECENT WEEKS HAVE
REPORTED FREQUENT FIGHTING SOUTH OF THE CITY AT NIGHT AS
INDICATED BY EXPLOSIONS, TRACER FIRE AND FLARES. PARA 2
REPORTS ROCKETING OF SOUTHERN KABUL FROM POSITIONS SOUTH
OF THE CITY ON SEPTEMBER 29.) AN AFGHAN SOURCE REPORTS
THAT MUJAHIDIN OVERRAN (##)
SOUTHWEST OF KABUL CITY ON SEPTEMBER 29. ON THE SAME DAY
FOLLOWING THE ATTACKS, BOMBERS RESPONDED DESTROYING FOUR
HOUSES AND ONE MOSQUE IN THE AREA.

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MUJAHIDIN, SEPTEMBER 29, AMBUSHED A PAJOR SOVIET CON
ON THE LOGAN ROAD NORTH OF DUKI. 1 AMM. BUTTING THE 26

HAIDIN OVERMAN THREE
AREA ON SEPTEMBER 29
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-- COICHER 1-2: A DRA MILITARY SOURCE REPORTS HEAVY FIGHTING IN THE PANJSHIR RESULTING IN A HEAVY FLOW OF DRA CASUALTIES INTO KABUL.

-- LATE SEPTEMBER: WESTERN MEDICAL PERSONNEL REPORT 20 PERSONS KILLED AND MANY WOUNDED IN BOMBARDMENT (APPARENTLY SOVIET AERIAL ATTACKS) IN THE SUBURBS OF CHARIKAR.

--SEPTEMBER 28: A RELIABLE DIPLOMAT REPORTS MUJAHIDIN ATTACKED A SOVIET CONVOY AT ANTIKAN NEAR THE SALANG TUNNEL DESTROYING THREE TANKS. A TRAVELLER REPORTEDLY SAW THE SMOKING WRECKAGE OF THE TANKS WHICH ALSO HAD LOST THEIR TRUCKS.

--SEPTEMBER 25-26: MUJAHIDIN REPORTEDLY DYNAMITED A SMALL HOTEL IN CHARIKAR. THE SITE REPORTEDLY WAS HIT BECAUSE IT WAS A GAMBLING SPOT.

--SEPTEMBER 24: A DIPLOMAT WITH GOOD ACCESS TO INFORMATION FROM THE NORTH REPORTS THAT MUJAHIDIN OVERRAN TWO DRA POSTS NEAR CHARIKAR. ACCEPTING THE SURRENDER OF EIGHT DRA TROOPS.

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7. (LOU) GHAZNI: ON SEPTEMBER 28, A DIPLOMAT REPORTS. ADMTTING 277 CONVOY NEAR GHAZNI CITY. APPROXIMATELY 100 DRA TROOPS SURRENDERED IN THE ENGAGEMENT. A SEPARATE REPORT FROM AN AFGHAN SOURCE

CLAIMS MUJAHIDIN, THE SAME DAY, ALSO ATTACKED A DRA CONVOY AT TOURGAN. CAPTURING TWO TRUCKS CARRYING FOOD. ACCORDING TO THE REPORT, 12 DRA TROOPS SURRENDERED AND ONE WAS KILLED. ON THE EVENING OF THE 27TH MUJAHIDIN DESTROYED A DRA JEEP IN THE OLD PART OF GHAZNI CITY. 8. (LOU) KANDAHAR: AFGHAN SOURCES REPORT THAT MUJAHIDIN DESTROYED ONE SOVIET ARMORED VEHICLE AT KOTALI TAHT (34°25'N 68°54'E) ON SEPTEMBER 27. ON SEPTEMBER 26, ACCORDING TO SEPARATE AFGHAN SOURCE, SOVIET AIRCRAFT BOMBED NEAR MAIDAN SHAR DESTROYING A NUMBER OF HOUSES AND INFLECTING CIVILIAN CASUALTIES. AN AFGHAN SOURCE WITH A HISTORY OF GOOD REPORTING ON THE KANDAHAR AREA, REPORTS MUJAHIDIN ARE BUILDING EXTENSIVE STOCKPILES IN THE BANDI CHAKH AREA (34°08'N 68°37'E) WHICH APPEARS SECURE DUE TO EFFECTIVE MUJAHIDIN ANTI-AIR DEFENSE.

9. (LOU) KANDAHAR: A DIPLOMAT OF UNTESTED REPORTING ACCURACY REPORTS THAT KANDAHAR RESIDENTS ARE STILL AVOIDING USE OF THE KANDAHAR-KABUL ROAD IN DEFERENCE TO WARNINGS BY THE MUJAHIDIN (RETELS). THE SAME SOURCE REPORTS THAT 1500 TROOPS FROM FAUZJAN, MANY TRAINED IN THE SOVIET UNION, CURRENTLY ARE SERVING IN THE KANDAHAR AREA. NUMEROUS SOURCES CLAIM THAT SIGNIFICANT FIGHTING CONTINUES IN THE KANDAHAR AREA.

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10. (LOU) BAGHLAN: A RELIABLE DIPLOMAT REPORTS THAT

MUJAHIDIN HOCKETED A COAL MINE IN THE PROVINCE ON

SEPTEMBER 27. WORKERS REPEATEDLY ABANDONED THE PITS.

11. (1597) PARAF: ON SEPTEMBER 20, MUJAHIDIN ALLEGEDLY

ATTACKED A JOINT SOVIET/UFA POST AT TAKH (POSSIBLY

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12. (LOU) BADAQSHAN: ELEMENTS OF THE SOVIET CONVOY

REPORTED TO BE INVOLVED IN THE MAJOR SWEEP THROUGH

AUNDUZ, TAKHAR AND BADAQSHAN IN RECENT SITREPS RETURNED

TO KABUL, SEPTEMBER 25. ACCORDING TO A DRA DRIVER IN THE

CONVOY, THE LARGE SOVIET FORCE IN ADDITION TO CONDUCTING

MILITARY OPERATIONS ALONG ITS ROUTE ALSO ESCORTED

APPROXIMATELY 300 DRA SUPPLY TRUCKS TO KESHM. ONCE E

CONVOY REACHED KESHM (APPROXIMATELY SEPTEMBER 11), THE

SOVIET ARMOR IN THE COLUMN WENT NORTH TO FAKH BAD.

13. (LOU) TAKHAR: AN AFGHAN REPORTS THAT IN

MIL-SEPTEMBER FIXED WING AIRCRAFT OPERATING AT VERY HIGH

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ALTITUDE CONDUCTED EXTENSIVE SCUBING NEAR ESTAMESH
(36°23'N 69°19'E). REPORTEDLY DAMAGE TO CIVILIAN
PROPERTY WAS HEAVY.

14. (LOU) POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS:
A. NAJIB BECOMES DRA PRESIDENT: IN A SURPRISE
DEVELOPMENT, PDPA GENERAL SECRETARY NAJIB, AT A SEPTEMBER
30 MEETING OF THE REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL
WAS NAMED

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MAKES NAIB (WHO HAS REVERTED TJUSA

THE CORE ISLAMIC

"NAJIBULLAH") HEAD OF STATE. NAJIB REPLACES HAJI
MOHAMMAD SAMAKANI WHO HAD BEEN "ACTING CHIEF OF STATE"
SINCE HE REPLACED BABBAR KARMAL IN THE ROLE IN
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1986. SAMAKANI NOW BECOMES FIRST VICE PRESIDENT OF THE

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COUNCIL. NAJIB, SINCE AUGUST 1986, HAD HELD THE POSITION
OF COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF THE ARMED FORCES.
NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF THE DRA'S "FUNDAMENTAL
PRINCIPLES" (THE DRA'S OPERATING CONSTITUTION) WHICH
RESERVED THE TITLE TO THE HEAD OF STATE. NAJIB'S
ASSUMPTION OF THE PRESIDENCY COMES ONLY WEEKS IN ADVANCE
OF THE SPECIAQAI

YA JIRGA WHICH ON AFZAR APPROVAL OF THE
CONSTITUTION, WAS TO HAVE FINALLY SELECTED A NEW DRA

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PRESIDENT. IT APPEARS THAT NAJIBAS CIRCUMVENTED THIS
PROCESS AND VIRTUALLY ASSURED HIS OWN ELECTION TO THE
OFFICE. SOMEHOW ACCORDING TO THE DRAFT CONSTITUTION, WILL
HAVE BROAD POWERS. IN HIS ACCEPTANCE SPEECH, NAJIB NOTED
THAT THE RESPONSIBILITIES HE HAD ASSUMED WOULD
... ACQUIRE SPECIAL IMPORTANCE IN THE SECOND PHASE OF THE
POLICY OF NATIONAL RECONCILIATION (FOLLOWING THE LOYA
JIRGA)". IN ADDITION TO SUBVERTING THE ROLE OF THE LOYA
JIRGA, NAJIB'S ELEVATION TO THE PRESIDENCY APPEARS TO
ELIMINATE WHAT LITTLE CHANCE THERE HAD BEEN OF FINDING
ACCOMMODATION WITH THE MUJAHIDIN. OBSERVERS GENERALLY
AGREE THAT THE MOVE WAS DESIGNED TO STRENGTHEN NAJIB'S
HAND IN ADVANCE OF THE PDPA'S SECOND PARTY CONFERENCE
WHERE CHALLENGES TO HIS LEADERSHIP AND POLICIES COULD
SURFACE. IT IS ALSO POSSIBLE THAT HAVING ASSURED CONTROL
OF STATE POWER THROUGH ELEVATION OF NAJIB TO THE
PRESIDENCY, THE PDPA MAY BE PREPARING A DRAMATIC
ANNOUNCEMENT OF WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT A MINORITY ROLE IN
A "GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL RECONCILIATION". AMONG
AFGHANS, NAJIB AS PRESIDENT APPEARS TO STIR LITTLE
REACTION. MOST IT APPEARS, HAVE LONG PERCEIVED HIM AS

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THE MOSCOW-APPOINTED HEAD OF THE REGIME IS HIS CAPACITY OF
HEAD OF THE PDPA. NAJIB'S PRESENT REMOVAL OF OPPONENTS
WITHIN THE PARTY (NOTED REBEL MAY NOW EXTEND TO A
SHAKE-UP IN THE REGIME AS WELL. (SEE FOLLOWING ITEM.)

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B. REGIME PERSONNEL CHANGES: VARIOUS SOURCES, INCLUDING

SENIOR EAST EUROPEAN DIPLOMATS, CLAIM AN EXTENSIVE

REPLACEMENT OF PERSONNEL AT VARIOUS LEVELS OF THE REGIME

IS UNDERWAY. ONE DIPLOMATIC SOURCE CLAIMS THAT AMONG THE

CHANGES IN VARIOUS MINISTRIES, KHALQI FACTION PERSONNEL

ARE REPLACING KARMAL SUPPORTERS. UNSUBSTANTIATED RUMORS

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CLAIM THAT EVEN PRIME MINISTER KESHIMAND, INTERIOR

MINISTER GULABZOI (KHALQI FACTION LEADER) AND DEFENSE

MINISTER KAFIE MIGHT BE INVOLVED IN THE PURPORTED
RESHUFFLING OF CADRE. ADDING SUBSTANCE TO THE REPORTS OF
EXTENSIVE PERSONNEL CHANGES LOCAL SOURCES REPORT THAT
SOME REGIME CADRE, INCLUDING LOW LEVEL OFFICIALS, WERE
TURNED AWAY FROM REGIME OFFICES SEPTEMBER 30, AFTER FIRST
BEING MADE TO SURRENDER THEIR IDENTITY PASSES.

C. THE PARTY LINE ON NAJIB'S ELEVATION: SOME EAST
EUROPEAN DIPLOMATS, PRESUMABLY ADVANCING THE APPROVED
LINE WITH REGARD TO ANNOUNCEMENT OF NAJIB'S PRESIDENCY,
CLAIM THAT THE ACTION DEMONSTRATES UNITED PARTY AND

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REGIME CALME SUPPORT BEHIND NAJIB ALLEGE THAT THE ONLY PARTY FIGURE POSSIBLE FOR THE POSITION AND HAS NO SERIOUS OPPOSITION. KARMAL ACTION-PASSERNE REPORTS ARE IN ACCORD WITH THE MOVE AND RECALCITRANT KARMAL SUPPORTERS, ALLEGEDLY NUMBERING LESS THAN 200 IN A PARTY MEMBERSHIP OF APPROXIMATELY 180,000. HAVE EITHER VOLUNTARILY LEFT THE PARTY OR BEEN PUSHED OUT. (COMMENT: THIS LATTER CLAIM APPEARS INCONSISTENT WITH ADMISSIONS BY THE SAME DIPLOMATS THAT KARMAL SUPPORTERS IN PARTY PRECINCTS IN HERAT, JAUZZJAN AND TWO DISTRICTS IN KABUL WERE IN FACT BLOCKED ONLY BY SENIOR PARTY ACTION FROM NOMINATING KARMAL AS THEIR DELEGATE TO THE PARTY CONFERENCE, SEE PARA 19. KABUL 1651. THE DIPLOMATS CLAIM THAT THIS ELEVATION NOW ENABLES NAJIB TO GAIN EXPERIENCE IN ADVANCE OF HIS ASSUMPTION OF THE MUCH ELUCID. POWERS OF PRESIDENT UNDER THE TO-BE-APPROVED CONSTITUTION.

D. NAJIB ALLEGEDLY MAKES PERSONAL ATTACKS ON COLLEAGUES: A RELIABLE DIPLOMATIC SOURCE CLAIMS THAT AT
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THE RECENT CONVENING OF THE "HAZARA NATIONALITY JIRGA" IN KABUL, A NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS COMPLAINED TO NAJIB THAT PRIME MINISTER KESHIMAND, IN AN ADDRESS TO HIS FELLOW HAZARAS NEGLECTED TO BEGIN HIS REMARKS WITH THE APPROPRIATE RELIGIOUS INVOCATION. NAJIB REPORTEDLY OBSERVED THAT PRIME MINISTER KESHIMAND HAS FORGOTTEN HIS RELIGION.

10. (LOC) HUMAN RIGHTS DEVELOPMENTS:

A. MEDICAL CARE IN KABUL: MEDICAL STAFF AT PRINCIPAL MEDICAL FACILITIES IN KABUL HAVE DESCRIBED THE DETERIORATION OF CARE AND THE CHANGING CHARACTER OF WAR INJURIES. A MEDICAL WORKER IN A KABUL HOSPITAL REPORTS CONDITIONS AT HER HOSPITAL TO BE THE WORST IN HER FIVE YEARS OF SERVICE THERE. STAFFING CONTINUES A DETERIORATION NOTED SEVERAL YEARS AGO. AS DOCTORS AND NURSES CONTINUE TO FLEE ABROAD. IN HER WARD, THE TRAINED STAFF IS EXACTLY ONE HALF OF WHAT IT WAS TWO YEARS AGO EVEN THOUGH THE PATIENT LOAD HAS GONE WELL BEYOND WHAT TWO YEARS AGO WAS CONSIDERED WARD CAPACITY. UNLESS A PATIENT HAS MONEY, RELATIVES WILLING TO APPEAR AT THE HOSPITAL DAILY, OR CONNECTIONS, SHE CLAIMED. "THE PATIENT GOES UNDER THE TABLE." NO NON-KABUL PATIENT IS EVEN ADMITTED UNLESS HE HAS MONEY OR CONNECTIONS." ANOTHER MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL OBSERVED THAT WHEREAS GUNSHOT WOUNDS USED TO MAKE UP MOST OF THE WAR-RELATED INJURIES TREATED

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AT HER FACILITY, MOST PATIENTS NOW SUFFER FROM THE
EFFECTS OF "BOMBINGS AND BUTTERFLY MINES." AMONG THE
VICTIMS OF THE LATTER, CHILDREN ARE REPORTEDLY THE MOST
NUMEROUS. A WESTERN MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL SPOKE OF THE
FRUSTRATION ASSOCIATED WITH ASSISTING THE REGIME IN THE
MEDICAL AREA. THE REGIME OFTEN INSISTS ON "FIRST LINE"

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EQUIPMENT WELL BEYOND THE AVAILABLE STAFF'S TECHNICAL
ABILITY. AS SOON AS DRA PERSONNEL ARE TRAINED THEY ARE

REASSIGNED TO OTHER REGIME PROJECTS OR OFFICES RESULTING
IN A CHRONICALLY LOW SKILL LEVEL AMONG DRA MEDICAL STAFF.
3. REGIME EXPANDS PRESS GANG OPERATION TARGETING
STUDENTS: RELIABLE REPORTS CLAIM THAT THE REGIME, IN
ADDITION TO DRAWING ON STUDENTS TO COMPLETE A MUSTER OF
LABORERS FOR CONSTRUCTION WORK IN KANDAHAR (RETELED), IS
NOW ATTEMPTING TO DRAGOON FORMER STUDENTS IN ORDER TO
REACH ITS 1800-MAN QUOTA. (EVERY MALE STUDENT AT THE
KABUL POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE WAS ORDERED TO GO TO KANDAHAR
ON OCTOBER 1.)

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16. (LOU) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS: WHILE FOOD PRICES IN KABUL GENERALLY HAVE REMAINED STABLE OVER THE PAST MONTH, GRAIN PRICES HAVE RISEN MODESTLY. ANALYSTS ATTRIBUTE THE RISE, UNUSUAL GIVEN THE JUST COMPLETED HARVEST, TO EXTENSIVE DESTRUCTION OF THE GRAIN CROP IN THE CENTRAL REGION. SIMILARLY, WAR DAMAGE HAS DIMINISHED PRODUCTION OF FRUITS IN THE SHOMALI AREA (NORTH OF KABUL) THOUGH LOCAL KABUL PRODUCTION, NOW REACHING THE MARKETS, HAS STABILIZED WHAT HAD BEEN HIGH PRICES DURING EARLY-MID SEPTEMBER. CLOTHING PRICES REPEATEDLY ARE RISING SLIGHTLY. THE AFGHANI HAS GAINED STRENGTH AGAINST MOST CURRENCIES, INCLUDING THE DOLLAR REPORTEDLY BECAUSE OF U.S. SHORTAGES OF AFGHANI NOTES IN THE KABUL FREE MARKET. THE PRICE OF GOLD MEANWHILE HAS SKYROCKETED OVER THE PAST TWO MONTHS, ALLEGEDLY BECAUSE OF A DEMAND AMONG BUSINESS AND REGIME/PARTY ELITE ANXIOUS ABOUT THE FUTURE. ON OCTOBER 4, ONE DOLLAR PURCHASED 173 AFGHANIS.

17. (LCS) SCVIATIZATION:

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A. AFGHAN ROUTE TO THE SOVIET UNION: ON OCTOBER 1, 50

AFGHAN YOUTHS LEFT KABUL FOR A STAY OF UNKNOWN DURATION
IN TASHKENT. THEY TRAVELLED ON SERVICE PASSPORTS.

B. NOVOSTI HOSTS JOURNALISTS IN AFGHANISTAN: NOVOSTI, THE SOVIET PRESS AGENCY, CURRENTLY IS HANDLING THE TRAVEL OF TWO MOSCOW-BASED WESTERN JOURNALISTS IN AFGHANISTAN.

18. (LCU) MILITARY DEVELOPMENTS:

4. SOVIET TROOPS ARRIVE IN KABUL: ON OCTOBER 1, SOVIET
troops, in uniform and carrying personal luggage were
observed arriving at Kabul Airport. The arriving troops
file three troop transport trucks.

2. HEAVY NIGHTTIME AIR TRAFFIC: THE PATTERN OF HEAVY NIGHTTIME SOVIET/DRA AIR TRAFFIC CONTINUED DURING THE WEEK INCLUDING A TAKE 2300 8)-76 DEPARTURE ONE NIGHT. ON OCTOBER 2 AND 3, LARGE NUMBERS OF HELICOPTERS WERE HEARD LEAVING THE AIRPORT AT APPROXIMATELY 0400. EARLY MORNING OBSERVATION OF VACANT HELIPADS AT THE KABUL AIRPORT INDICATE A REGULAR PATTERN OF PRE-DAWN HELICOPTER DEPARTURES DURING THE WEEK.

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U. RED CROSS INSIGNIA ON SOVIET HELICOPTERS: SOVIET

MILITARY HELICOPTERS, POSSIBLY REFLECTING SOVIET CONCERN

ABOUT IMPROVED MUJAHIDIN ANTI-AIR DEFENSE, HAVE RESUMED A

PRACTICE NOT SEEN SINCE ONE YEAR AGO, OF DISPLAYING A RED

CROSS INSIGNIA ON SOME HELICOPTERS. THE INSIGNIA IS

LOCATED ABOVE THE SECOND WINDOW FROM THE FRONT OF THE

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AIRCRAFT ON BOTH SIDES OF THE TUSILAGI.

L. WEAPONS MODIFICATION: MTLB (ARTILLERY CONTROL)

VEHICLES HAVE BEEN OBSERVED IN KABUL WITH 75 MM HOWITZERS

MOUNTED ON THE UPPER CHASSIS.

E. ROAD SECURITY: THE SALANG HIGHWAY WAS CLOSED FOR THE

EARLY PART OF THE DAY, OCTOBER 3.

F. SOVIET TROOPS USE OF DRUGS: DRA SECURITY FORCES TOLD

WESTERN DIPLOMATS THEY REGULARLY SELL HASHISH TO SOVIET

TROOPS MANNING HILLTOP FIRING POSTS IN THE KARGHA AREA.

19. MOSCOW MINIMIZE CONSIDERED CLASSMAN

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